Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It was brought to my notice.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur):* Sir, I do not know why the Government, after knowing that a mistake has crept in, kept silent till the session of the Legislative Coucil.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Really there is nothing affecting the point at issue.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur):* But from our standpoint there is everything in it. The Hon'ble Member is inviting us for a discussion. The issues are different. My motion was only for *further constitutional reforms* whereas that of Mr. Moothedan was *for full responsible government.*

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Sacretary to Government):* Both the cut motions were negatived as they were not acceptable to Government.

Motion withdrawn

2. Giving of substantial remissions and sufficient time for payment of pattom

Mr. President : I have received notice of another adjournment motion from Mr. A. V. Moothedan to the following effect.—

"The question of giving substantial remissions and sufficient time for payment of one year's pattom becoming due and payable after the recent cyclone."

I will give a ruling on the admissibility of the motion tomorrow.

Panel of Chairmen

Mr. President : I have to announce to the House that Messrs. E. Ikkanda Warriar and K. R. Viswambharan have been nominated to constitute the Panel of Chairmen for the Legislative Session of this year.

Advisory Committee on Education—Election to

Mr. President : I have also to announce that nomination papers for the election of a member for the Advisory Committee on Education to be held on Wednesday next will be received by the Secretary to the Legislative Council before 5 p.m. on Tuesday, the 2nd December 1941.

Condolence Motion

Regarding the demise of Mr. M. A. Chacko

Mr. President : I now call upon Mr. V. J. Mathai to move the Condolence Motion on the demise of Mr. M. A. Chacko.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Mr. President, Sir, I rise to move that " *This Council places on record its deep sorrow in the*

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demise of the late Mr. M. A. Chacko, B.A., retired Superintendent of Excise and some time member of this Council and further requests the Hon'ble President to convey to the members of the family of the deceased the sympathy of this House in their bereavement."

The life and achievements of Mr. Chacko are so well known and so fresh in our memory that it seems to me almost superfluous to recount them before this House. All the same, I shall not fail to follow the rules of convention and recount them in a short sketch.

Mr. Chacko was born on the 19th October 1870 in the Mazhuvancheri Tarawad, an ancient Jacobite Syrian X'ian family of Ayyampilly, Cherai, which boasts of the famous Mazhuvancheri Judge. He was educated in the Ernakulam High School and graduated from the Madras Christian College.

He joined the Cochin Government service as a clerk in the Huzur Secretariat on 6th Edavam 1071. He became a Magistrate in 1072, was appointed Tahsildar of Trichur in 1073, was Northern Division Peishkar, District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police and Commandant of the Nayar Brigade till 1096. It must be remembered that his position as Tahsildar and Diwan Peishkar was of singular trust since the Devaswam Department was then included in the Revenue Department. He was also the first Indian Chief of Police and Commandant of the Nayar Brigade. In 1096 he was appointed Commissioner of Excise and retired in 1099. In recounting the life story of Mr. Chacko, one cannot help remarking that he was lifted up in the official cadre by the recognition of his merits by that great ruler "Rama Varma the Great", who abdicated the *Musnad* after his *Shasti Poorthi*. In fact, it is well known that Mr. Chacko was his trusted lieutenant and right hand.

After his retirement from Government service, Mr. Chacko was twice returned unopposed from the Narakkal and Vellarapilly constituencies and was a member of this Council for seven long years. He was also continuing his stubborn fight for the nationalisation of his church and for its improvement and in the midst of that fight when he was at Kottayam, where he had gone as a witness in the third Vattipanam case, he passed away on the 25th of August 1941, dying as he lived, a happy warrior, while still in the forefront of the fight.

Mr. Chacko leaves behind him his widow, a benign, noble lady and ten issues. Of them, the eldest is the wife of Mr. K. A. Poulose, Additional District Judge; Mr. M. C. Abraham, B.Sc., Manchester, A.M.I.C.E., is an Engineer in Colombo. His second son, Mr. M. C. George, is a Medical Practitioner in London. His eldest daughter Miss. Sara Chacko is a Master of Arts of the Chicago University.

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His third son, M. C. Jacob, B.A., I.F.S., is a Deputy Conservator of Forests in Agra—a happy family made sad by the loss of Mr. Chacko.

Mr. Chacko was a man among men,—he was in private life a splendid type of man, handsome, strong and dignified, a good husband, a loving father and a sincere friend and, above all, a true Christian. My first memory of Mr. Chacko dates back to 26 or 27 years. I then saw Mr. Chacko, astride a magnificent white prancing charger in front of his beloved Maharaja in the *Attachamayam* procession, dressed in his Delhi Durbar Dress, drawing the crowd after him—I dare say he kept that figure and personality to the last.

His main achievement, if I may say so, was the reorganisation and the reform of the Police Department in the State which he left as second to none in India. And I would not be far wrong if I were to say that Mr. Chacko was the father of the Police force in Cochin, which occupies to-day an unsullied position even now as one of the best police forces in the Empire.

After his retirement, he was carrying on a sturdy fight for the independence of his church and besides that he found time for helping in the educational development of Kerala and was for a very long time a member of the Council of the Alwaye Union Christian College. He was also taking a keen interest in planting and owned a pretty large rubber estate in Pudukad, which also is a standing monument of his varied services.

He was a deeply religious man and to him "life was real, life was earnest, and the grave was not his goal" and he lived and died as a happy warrior, and I dare say, he has "left behind him more than foot-prints on the sands of time".

May his soul rest in peace!

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, it is my privilege to associate myself on behalf of the Government with all the sentiments expressed by Mr. Mathai. It was my privilege to have known Mr. Chacko for a very long time, and I do not think there will be any difference of opinion when I say that he has left his impress upon the governmental machinery and also upon the public life of this country. Mr. Chacko began his life as a humble government servant and through various stages occupieds ome of the most important posts in His Highness' service. After retirement Mr. Chacko did not spare himself, but took an active part in public life and also in various other activities. Mr. Chacko as a non-official won the good opinion of all the people of the State and after retirement he was in this Council as an active member for a period of 3 years. As a non-official he was indefatigable in his services and

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gradually he came to occupy a place of importance as one of the leaders of the State. He was the recognised and undisputed leader of the Jacobite Christian Community of this State. I am sure his loss will be very keenly felt by this small but progressive and intelligent community in the State. By his demise the State has lost a great citizen, the people, a friend, and His Highness the Maharaja, a devoted and loyal subject and servant. I am sure the House will agree with me in expressing unanimously our condolences at his unexpected demise and wishing to convey our feelings of sorrow to his family.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Allow me, Sir, to say just a word to associate myself with this condolence motion. It has been my rare privilege to have known the late Mr. Chacko for nearly 40 years, ever since my boyhood. My earliest memories of the late Mr. Chacko were about the time when he was a Tahsildar, and the Tahsildar was at that time an officer in charge of the management of the revenues and temples here. I have a distinct memory of how the public appreciated the services of a Christian official devoted to the cause of Hindu religious worship. He was considered, Sir, to have been one of the ablest of our Civil servants and the fact that he was transferred from one place to another did not matter much, because neither he nor the departments concerned suffered by his transfer. Such a versatile man he was. In fact he was a typical servant who could handle any department which required knowledge, probity and intelligence.

Another extraordinary thing about the late Mr. Chacko was that the day he laid down the reins of official life and took up work as a non-official and entered this Council he showed that an intelligent civil servant is not by heredity or by training disqualified from being a parliamentarian and we all know how very much both the official benches as well as the non-official benches in this House benefited by his presence and sound advice on many occasions. My only excuse for taking up the time of this House with regard to this condolence motion is that it has been my privilege to have known the late Mr. Chacko probably with a degree of intimacy to which the other officials in this House probably may not have had occasion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Mr. President, Sir, our party also associates with the grief expressed on the floor of this House this morning. It has been rather my privilege to work in this House as a colleague of Mr. Chacko and one should think that my grief is greater than that of the hon'ble mover himself. There is not much to be added to the enumeration of the great services he

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has rendered to the Cochin Sirkar. The only point which strikes me at this moment is, Sir, that he was perhaps the first Tahsildar in our State from a minority community. And may be from Mr. Chacko's time the interests of minorities have been recognised more and more in our State. I express my earnest sympathy to the bereaved family on his demise.

*മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ആർ. വിശ്വംഭരൻ: സർ, കൊച്ചി രാജ്യത്തിലെ പല ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെണ്ടുകളുടേയും മേധാവിത്വം വഹിക്കുവാനും, ഈ നിയമസഭയിൽ ഒരു പൊതുജനപ്രതിനിധി എന്ന നിലയിലിരുന്നു് രാജ്യസേവനം ചെയ്യുവാനും ഭാഗ്യധേയം ലഭിച്ച ഒരു മഹാനായ കൊച്ചിക്കാരന്റെ ചരമത്തിൽ അനുശോചനം രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിന്നാണു് ഈ പ്രമേയം അവതരിപ്പിക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നതു്. പരേതനായ മിസ്റ്റർ ചാക്കൊ കൊച്ചി രാജ്യത്തിലെ പൌരന്മാരിൽ ആർക്കുതന്നെയും അപരിചിതനാണെന്നു് എനിക്കു തോന്നുന്നില്ല. ഇവിടെ ചില ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പർമാർ പ്രസ്താവിച്ചതുപോലെ കൊച്ചീരാജ്യത്തിലെ അര നൂറ്റാണ്ടു കാലത്തെ ഔദ്യോഗികവും അനൌദ്യോഗികവുമായ ജീവിതത്തിൽ അദ്ദേഹം വഹിച്ച പങ്കു് എത്രമാത്രം മാന്യമായിരുന്നു എന്നും ജനങ്ങളുടെ സ്നേഹത്തേയും ആദരവിനേയും അദ്ദേഹം എത്രമാത്രം സമ്പാദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നും എല്ലാവർക്കും അറിവുള്ള സംഗതികളാണു്. നമ്മുടെ രാജ്യത്തിലെ ഭരണം മറ്റു രാജ്യങ്ങളെ അപേക്ഷിച്ചു് കൂടുതൽ കായ്ക്ഷമമാണെന്നുള്ള അഭിമാനത്തിന്നു് വകയുണ്ടാക്കിയ ചുരുക്കം ചില ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരിൽ ഒരാളാണു് പരേതനായ ശ്രീമാൻ ചാക്കൊ അവർകൾ. ഭരണസംബന്ധമായി വലിയ മാറ്റങ്ങൾ വരുത്തിയ സ്ഥാനത്യാഗംചെയ്ത മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സിലെ വിശ്വസ്തനായ ഒരു അന്തേവാസിയായി അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ അഭീഷ്ടങ്ങളെ അറിഞ്ഞു് രാജ്യഭരണത്തിന്നു് പുതിയ ജീവൻ നൽകിയ ഒരു കാലത്തോടാണു് നാം ഇപ്പോൾ ശ്രീമാൻ ചാക്കൊ അവർകളുടെ ജീവിതം ഘടിപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു്. ഏതെല്ലാം തുറകളിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്നു് സേവനങ്ങൾ അനുഷ്ഠിക്കുവാനുള്ള സൌകര്യമുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ അവിടെയെല്ലാം ധീരമായും സത്യത്തോടുകൂടിയും തന്റെ മുറകളെ ചെയ്യുന്നതിന്നു് അദ്ദേഹം ശ്രമിക്കുകയും അതിൽ വിജയം പ്രാപിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്. അങ്ങിനെ കൃത്യനിഷ്ഠയോടുകൂടിയ ധീരനും നിർഭയനും മഹാനുമായ ഒരു കൊച്ചീക്കാരന്റെ ചരമത്തിൽ ഈ നിയമസഭ പ്രകാശിപ്പിച്ച അനുശോചനത്തോടു യോജിക്കുകയും പരേതന്റെ കുടുംബത്തോടും കൊച്ചി രാജ്യത്തിലെ ജനങ്ങളോടും അനുശോചിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Sir, I wish to associate myself with all the expressions of sorrow and grief that has been already expressed on the floor of this House, on the demise of Mr. Chacko. Mr. Chacko was a personal friend of mine for the last 40 years and perhaps I am the oldest....

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: No, No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Yes, I admit Mr. Eachara Menon also. Perhaps I am the oldest member who knows Mr. Chacko so intimately. But I claim to have been an inmate of his house off and on during all the time he was an official as well as

*Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

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non-official here. As such, I think it my duty to contribute a word of tribute to his memory in this House and having done that I hope that this expression of sorow will be conveyed to his family in due course. I associate myself with all that has been said in his memory. May his soul rest in peace!

Mr. President: I also associate myself with all that has been said about the late Mr. M. A. Chacko. Though I had not the privilege of personal acquaintance with him, yet his record clearly shows the great services he has done to the State and to His Highness the Maharaja. I would specially mention his work in the posts as Commissioner of Police and Commandant of the Nayar Brigade which he held for no less a period than 12 years, and all we can well be proud of the State of our Police force in Cochin. After his retirement he continued to serve the State in this Council Chamber and ouside. Unlike some other officials he seemed to feel quite at home there. What I was particularly pleased to notice was that in his last few months, despite failing health and old age, he took a lively interest in the collection of money for the war fund, and shown that he realised the importance of this work. Right up to the end he placed public service first and foremost. I am sure that all the Hon'ble Members will wish to express sympathy to the family of the deceased. I now request the Hon'ble Members to pass this motion, standing.

Motion passed nem con, all members standing as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

STATEMENT PLACED ON THE TABLE

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Sir, under Rule 58 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 28 (1)(c) of the Government of Cochin Act, 1113.

Serial No.	Head of account	Amount Rs.	Explanation
1	38. Miscellaneous Transfer to Revenue Reserve Fund (1115)	8,00,000	A sum of Rs. 8 lakhs out of the realised surplus of 1115 had to be transferred by debit to "Transfer to Revenue Reserve Fund" and credit to "XXXV Deposits—Revenue Reserve Fund" and hence additional allotment had to be sanctioned urgently for 1115.

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